

SURVEYING STORMS: A DEEPER DIVE INTO SBA'S DISASTER RESPONSE

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Surveying Storms: A Deeper Dive into SBA's Disaster Response". Testimony was heard from James Rivera, Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration.

INNOVATION IN SURFACE TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled "Innovation in Surface Transportation". Testimony was heard from Randell Iwasaki, Executive Director, Contra Costa Transportation Authority, California; and public witnesses.

REUSABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT: CONTINUING TO EXAMINE VHA'S STERILE PROCESSING PROBLEMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Reusable Medical Equipment: Continuing to Examine VHA's Sterile Processing Problems". Testimony was heard from Teresa D. Boyd, Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Operations, Department of Veterans Affairs; Sharon Silas, Acting Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and John Daigh, M.D., Assistant Inspector General for Healthcare Inspections, Department of Veterans Affairs.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 4312, the "Fallen Warrior Battlefield Cross Memorial Act"; H.R. 6409, the "Honoring Veterans' Families Act"; and H.R. 6420, to permit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a grant program to conduct cemetery research and produce educational materials for the Veterans Legacy Program. Testimony was heard from Representatives LaMalfa, Lamb, and Renacci; Matthew Sullivan, Deputy Under Secretary for Finance and Planning, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6662, the "Empowering Seniors' Enrollment Decision Act of 2018"; H.R. 6690, the "Fighting Fraud to Protect Care for Seniors Act of 2018"; H.R. 6561, the "Comprehensive Care for Seniors Act of 2018"; H.R. 3635, the "Local Coverage Determination Clarification Act of 2017"; H. Res. 1018, requesting the President to transmit to

the House of Representatives certain documents in the possession of the President relating to the determination to impose certain tariffs and to the strategy of the United States with respect to China. H.R. 6662, H.R. 6690, H.R. 6561, and H.R. 3635 were ordered reported, as amended. H. Res. 1018 was ordered reported, without amendment.

Joint Meetings**AGRICULTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT**

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023.

ENERGY AND WATER, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, AND MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Bureau of Industry and Security, the International Trade Administration, and the United States International Trade Commission, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine outside perspectives on Russia sanctions, focusing on current effectiveness and potential for next steps, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Harold B. Parker, of New Hampshire, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Northern Border Regional Commission, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on the Judiciary: to continue hearings to examine the nomination of Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled "Perfluorinated Chemicals in

the Environment: An Update on the Response to Contamination and Challenges Presented”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Examining Federal Efforts to Ensure Quality of Care and Resident Safety in Nursing Homes”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy, markup on H.R. 6511, the “Strategic Petroleum Reserve Reform Act”, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Failure to Act: How a Decade without GSE Reform Has Once Again Put Taxpayers at Risk”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Tackling Fentanyl: The China Connection”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Toward Cuba”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection; and Subcommittee on Transportation and Protective Security, joint hearing entitled “Understanding Cybersecurity Threats to America’s Aviation Sector”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5468, the “Permitting Litigation Efficiency Act of 2018”, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 5706, the “World War II Pacific Sites Establishment Act”; H.R. 6108, the “Preserving America’s Battlefields Act”; H.R. 6118, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to annually designate at least one city in the United States as an “American World War II Heritage City”, and for other purposes; H.R. 6365, the “Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo Land Claims Act of 2018”; and H.R. 6682, the “Protection and Transparency for Adjacent Landowners Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs; and Subcommittee on the Interior, Energy and Environment, joint hearing entitled “Permitting: Finding a Path Forward”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Evaluating Federal Disaster Response and Recovery Efforts”, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “Airspace Integration of New Aircraft”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “A Review of VA’s Specially Adaptive Housing Grant Programs (SAH)”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the positive economic growth effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.